

SENATE BILL NO. 212

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DEDICATION AND
DISTRIBUTION FOR FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 17-3-240, MCA; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-240, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-3-240. Federal mineral leasing funds. (1) ~~At~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), money paid
to the state pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 191 must be deposited in the state general fund ~~and must be distributed~~
~~dedicated as provided in subsections subsection (2) and distributed as provided in subsection (3).~~

(2) ~~At the conclusion of fiscal year 2002, the state treasurer shall distribute all money received in fiscal~~
~~year 2002 in excess of \$21,756,000 pursuant to subsection (3). At the conclusion of fiscal year 2003, the state~~
~~treasurer shall distribute all money received in fiscal year 2003 in excess of \$21,671,000 pursuant to subsection~~
~~(3). At the conclusion of fiscal year 2004, the state treasurer shall distribute 12.5% of all money received~~
~~pursuant to subsection (3). At the conclusion of In~~ fiscal year 2005 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter,
~~the state treasurer shall distribute 25% of all money received pursuant to subsection (3) (1) MUST BE DEPOSITED~~
IN THE MINERAL IMPACT ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 17-3-241 AND is dedicated to local governments.

(3) On August 15 following the close of the fiscal year, the state treasurer shall distribute the
~~distributions~~ revenue dedicated in subsection (2) ~~to the mineral impact account established in 17-3-241.~~ The
distribution to the eligible counties must be ~~allocated~~ based on the proportion that the total amount of revenue
generated by mineral extraction in an eligible county bears to the total amount of money received by the state."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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